(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Facts are being ascertained from the State Government.

Legislation to prevent use of Foreign brand names

586. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to bring forward a legislation to prevent the use of foreign brand names;

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c) Under the Trade & Merchandise Marks Act, 1958 (T&MM Act) there is no separate definition of foreign trade mark. Trade Marks can be used without registration or before or after the expiry of the registration without protection afforded by the T&MM Act. Under the existing law, there is no restriction on the use of foreign trade marks, if it does not involve any direct or indirect consideration in foreign exchange. While granting foreign collaboration approvals, a standard condition is stipulated that foreign brand names will not be allowed for use on the products for internal sales, although there is no objection to their use on products to be exported. The policy for regulating the use of foreign trade marks for sale goods in the domestic market continues to be reviewed from time to time.

Communal riots

587. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is some common thread in communal riots in widely-separated parts of the country;

(b) the number of persons killed and injured in the recent riots in different parts of the country and the number of those arrested therefor; and

(c) the organisations which are involved in these acts of riots and what steps have been taken to contain them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The Communal situation in the country in the recent past has een subjected to certain tensions because of Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid controversy. Riots, however, are essentially the handi-work of anti-social and anti-national elements.

(c) A Statement is annexed.

Statement

Name of the place and date	Number of persons		
	Killed	Injured	Arrested
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh :			
Hyderabad (9-10-90)	8	33	N.A.
Hyderabad 25-12-90)	130	132	2676